
FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

Submitted by: Conservation Community

Finding: *(i.e., Conclusions reached after investigation and/or evaluation of facts)*

Forest management policies need to recognize climate change, and integrate mitigation measures (including carbon sequestration, minimizing carbon footprint, etc.) to both reduce contribution to greenhouse gas concentrations and reduce the climate change impact on our environment, including forest and fire management.

Background and Supporting Evidence: *(A short statement justifying the Finding and describing desired outcome(s); usually no more than half a page.)*

In the coming years, California is predicted to be especially hard hit by climate change resulting in more frequent severe fire-threat days (similar to the conditions on the day of the Angora Fire) longer fire seasons, and more frequent rain on snow events. The overall risk of catastrophic fire will also increase.

As a result of these predicted changes, and anticipated negative impacts on our environment, the State of California has given a clear mandate to state agencies to anticipate and mitigate climate change. It is essential that agencies' respond to climate change immediately, not 20 years from now. At this point in time, our present actions can greatly influence the severity of climate change and its impact on our environment and important natural resources such as air, water, forest, etc.

Recommendation(s) *(Based upon an analysis of the Finding, the following recommendation(s) should be made to the Governors):*

Agencies study the potential affects of climate change, evaluate their practices and policies to study the costs and needs associated with impacts of climate change and associated mitigations.

Impacts of Implementation: *(The implementation of any Recommendation is likely to have specific impacts. Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas):*

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is REQUIRED (Best Estimate):

- ☐ Cost
 - No additional costs should be required.
- ☐ Funding source
- ☐ Staffing
 - Staff time would be used to perform evaluations and studies needed.
- ☐ Existing regulations and/or laws

Analysis of impacts on the following factors is OPTIONAL:

- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety
 - By establishing information to begin climate change mitigation agencies will decrease the risk of natural disasters thereby protecting public health and safety.
- ☐ Environmental
 - Major impacts of climate change can radically and negatively change our environment and by beginning the process of mitigation through gathering information and evaluating agency practices, agencies can begin to protect the Basin's environment and populations from the impacts of climate change.
- ☐ Interagency